

**MINUTES**  
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

**Date:** January 18-20, 2006

**Time:** 9:00 a.m., CST

**Location:** Tennessee Room  
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building  
425 Fifth Avenue, North  
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

**Board Members**

**Present:** Debra Davenport, MA., SPE, Chair  
David Caye, MS, Sr.P.E.  
Carl Gilleylen, Psy.D.  
Robert Kores, Ph.D.  
Patrick Lavin, Ph.D.  
Janice Martin, Ph.D.  
Susan Strickler, Ph.D.  
Carolyn West-Willette, Ed.D.

**Board Members Absent:** Michael Stagg, Esq.

**Staff**

**Present:** Melody Spitznas, Board Administrator  
Nicole Armstrong, Advisory Attorney  
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director  
Jerry Kosten, Regulations Manager  
Robbie Bell, Director of Health Related Boards

The board meeting was called to order by Chair, Debra Davenport, at 9:00 a.m.  
A sufficient number of board members were present to constitute a quorum.

**Office of General Counsel**

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the Office of General Counsel report stating the rules pertaining to volunteer practice, continuing education in ethics/jurisprudence and the elimination of the oral examination become effective January 24, 2006.

Ms. Armstrong stated the rule pertaining to proof of equivalency to APA/APPIC internships becomes effective March 1, 2006.

Ms. Armstrong said the rule regarding criminal background checks for initial applicants for licensure is under review by the Attorney General.

Ms. Armstrong informed the board there are twelve (12) open cases in the Office of General Counsel involving nine (9) licensees.

### **Conflict of Interest Policy**

Ms. Armstrong reviewed the conflict of interest policy with the board and asked all members to disclose any conflict of interest they may have prior to contested cases or any other legal proceedings or matters to determine if there is a conflict of interest.

### **Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Phelps reviewed the Disciplinary Report with the board stating she is currently monitoring eleven (11) licensees who have been disciplined. Ms. Phelps said if a licensee fails to comply with the stipulations of the discipline she will file a new complaint against the disciplined licensee.

### **Investigative Report**

Ms. Phelps stated thirty-three (33) complaints were filed against psychologists and/or psychological examiners in 2005. Ms. Phelps said the majority of complaints are listed under other which could be failure to complete continuing education, supervision or other allegations not specifically noted on the report.

### **Report from Jerry Kosten, Rules Manager**

Mr. Kosten reviewed the following rule amendments with the board: Rule 1180-1-.01 Definitions, Rule 1180-1-.03 Fees, Rule 1180-1-.05 Renewal of License or Certification, Rule 1180-1-.07 Retirement and Reactivations of License or Certificate, Rule 1180-1-.08 Continuing Education.

Upon review of Rule 1180-1-.04 Examinations the board decided to stay the rule for sixty (60) days making the effective date March 18, 2006.

### **Review and Approve Minutes**

Upon review of the October 19-20, 2005 minutes, Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

Upon review of the August 30, 2005 teleconference minutes, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

### **Administrative Report**

Ms. Spitznas reviewed the administrative report stating there are currently 1226 licensed psychologists and 634 licensed psychological examiners and senior psychological examiners and one (1) licensed certified psychological assistant.

Ms. Spitznas said forty-two (42) psychologists and twenty-two (22) psychological examiners have renewed their licenses online within the last four months.

Ms. Spitznas stated there are changes in the child abuse reporting which states that individuals who suspect child abuse, have a legal obligation to report it to DCS or others mandated to receive these reports. Pursuant to T.C.A. §37-1-412, failing to report is a Class A misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500). Ms. Spitznas said a copy of the changes can be found under tab four of the board books.

Ms. Davenport asked Ms. Spitznas to sunshine the professional assistance program discussion for the next board meeting.

### **Review Correspondence**

The board reviewed a letter from Janet Pippin, Director of Member Services for the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB), requesting a copy of the e-mail addresses for all board members. Upon discussion, the board agreed for Ms. Spitznas to furnish Ms. Pippin that information.

### **Office of Health Licensure and Regulation Report**

Ms. Spitznas reviewed the report stating the board has a cumulative carry over of \$156,871. Ms. Spitznas said the increase is due, in part, to the board imposing civil penalties and costs in hearings.

### **Ratify newly licensed Psychologists, Psychological Examiners and Certified Therapy Assistants**

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to ratify the following newly licensed Psychologists:

**Christopher Douglas Blazina, Ph.D.**  
**Michael Frank Gavetti, Ph.D.**  
**Glenn Frank Haban, Ph.D.**  
**Allison C. Hanauer, Ph.D.**  
**Theodore Joseph LaVaque, Ph.D.**  
**Robert Michael Levine, Psy.D.**  
**Ronald L. W. Roberts, Ph.D.**  
**Mark A Womack, Ph.D.**  
**Katherine Lynne Dittman, Ph.D.**  
**Elisabeth M. Dykens, Ph.D.**  
**Barbara M. Marshall, Ph.D.**  
**Jamie Y. Fearrington, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the following reinstated Psychologists:

**Kenneth L. Carrico, Jr., Ph.D.**

**Mark A. Womack, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to ratify the following newly licensed Psychological Examiners:

**Lora Lynn Burkett, P.E.**

**Collette Carroll Coutts, P.E.**

**Catherine Elizabeth Dhanarajan, P.E.**

The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the following reinstated Psychological Examiner:

**Virginia Sue Farr, P.E.**

The motion carried.

**Ratify written examination results**

Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the written examination results for the following Psychologists/HSP and Psychological Examiners:

**Martha Bynum, Ph.D./HSP**

**Katherine Aynsley Corbett, Psy.D./HSP**

**Jamie Fearrington, Ph.D./HSP**

**Matthew Fearrington, Ph.D./HSP**

**Jennifer Devan, Ph.D./HSP**

**Truett McAnear, Ph.D./HSP**

**Steven L. Gray, Psy.D./HSP**

**Stefanie Kibler, P.E.**

**Noah Roost, P.E.**

The motion carried.

**Ratify Oral Examination Results**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the oral examination results for the Psychologists/HSP who has completed their postdoctoral supervised experience:

**Corinne C. S. Tureau, Ph.D./HSP**

**Glenn Frank Haban, Ph.D./HSP**

**Allison Hanauer, Ph.D./HSP**

**Michael Gavetti, Ph.D./HSP**

**Robert Levin, Psy.D./HSP**

**Katherine Dittman, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Barbara Marshall, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Elisabeth Dykens, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Jamie Y. Fearrington, Ph.D./HSP**  
**Martha E. Bynum, Ph.D./HSP**  
**James Klosky, Ph.D./HSP**

The motion carried.

Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to ratify the oral examination results for the following Psychologists/HSP who are completing his/her postdoctoral supervised experience:

**Martha C. Dagenhart, Ph.D.**  
**Paul Colte, Psy.D.**  
**Cherrie Ann Hunter, Psy.D.**

The motion carried.

Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to ratify the oral examination results for the following Psychological Examiners:

**Lora “Lynn” Burkett, P.E.**  
**Catherine Dhanarajan, P.E.**  
**Cynthia Day, P.E.**  
**Brandi Hamilton, P.E.**  
**Jennifer Seay, P.E.**

The motion carried.

#### **Ratify closure of abandoned/incomplete files**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to ratify the closure of the following abandoned/incomplete file:

**Albert L. Jones, Ph.D.**

The motion carried.

#### **Review and approve application changes/recommendations by Board Members**

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to accept Dr. Martin’s recommendation to issue **Randi I. Taylor, Ph.D./HSP** a temporary license and schedule her for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to accept Ms. Davenport’s recommendation to issue **Sarah D. Richie, Ph.D./HSP** a temporary license to practice while waiting to sit for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to accept Dr. Gilleylen's recommendation to issue **Sandra L. Brindamour, Ph.D./HSP** a provisional license upon confirmation of Dr. Brindamour's degree received November 21, 2005. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to accept Dr. Gilleylen's recommendation to issue **Molly White, Ph.D./HSP** a provisional license and schedule her for the written examination. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to accept Dr. Gilleylen's recommendation to schedule **Alan F. Dubro, Ph.D./HSP** for the oral examination upon confirmation of a letter of recommendation from Dr. Plaué received November 15, 2005. The motion carried.

Upon review, Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores to accept Dr. Martin's recommendation to schedule **Lynley Ebeling, Ph.D./HSP** for the oral examination. The motion carried.

#### **Review and respond to correspondence**

Upon review of a letter from **Jane Tram, Ph.D.** requesting approval to sit for the EPPP examination in March 2006, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to request Dr. Tram to sit for the written examination prior to the expiration of her provisional license and to submit an application for a temporary license. The motion carried.

Upon review of a letter from **Carrie Booher, Ph.D.** requesting a second provisional license to complete her postdoctoral supervised experience and sit for the EPPP examination Dr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve Dr. Booher's request. The motion carried.

Upon review of a letter from **Kristal Hurst, P.E.** requesting an extension for taking the EPPP examination due to illness Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to have Ms. Hurst contact the board when she is ready to sit for the examination. The motion carried.

Upon review of the letter from **Cara Smith, Psy.D.** requesting the board accept her postdoctoral supervised experience obtained without a provisional license Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to deny Dr. Smith's request as she has not completed the required hours of the postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Upon review of the letter from **Nilufer Barbour, Ph.D.** requesting an extension of her provisional license Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to deny Dr. Barbour's request to extend her provisional license and require Dr. Barbour to apply for a second provisional license and take and pass the EPPP and jurisprudence examination within the year. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the letter from **Catherine Yarrow, Ph.D.**, president of the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) regarding their CPQ amendment deleting the oral examination of competence as a requirement to obtain the CPQ effective June 1, 2006.

### **Discuss/consider selecting/contracting with a peer assistance program**

Dr. Kores stated that psychologists across Tennessee have indicated they prefer using the Tennessee Psychological Associations (TPA) Colleague Assistance program.

Dr. Kores said the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (TNPAP) contracts for \$16,000 annually whether they receive one (1) or one hundred (100) referrals.

Dr. Kores said the Tennessee Medical Foundation (TMF) asks for donations.

Dr. Lavin stated the colleagues he spoke with like the idea of using TPA's Colleague Assistance Program.

### **Review applications for licensure**

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve **Leslie Beckwith, Ph.D./HSP** to sit for the oral examination upon receipt of a letter of recommendation from a psychologist/HSP. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to approve **Christine M. Givens, Ph.D.**, to sit for the EPPP examination and be issued a provisional license to complete the postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to approve **Yvonne Osborne, Ph.D.** to sit for the oral examination and be issued a temporary license. The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to approve the application of **Vida Petronis Sobie, Ph.D.** upon receipt of letters of recommendation that include knowledge of Dr. Sobie's skills, ability and health service provider designation. The motion carried.

Ms. Davenport made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to delay the application of **Joanne Bernardo, CPA**, pending receipt of written explanation of the 130 hours of direct services in her practicum experience by her supervisors Bill Norwood, Ph.D. and Sandy McGriff, Ph.D. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler, to delay the application of **Amanda Wilder, CPA**, pending receipt of written explanation why she is providing group services and clarification of practicum hours. The motion carried.

Dr. Willette made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to approve **James McDonagh, Psy.D./HSP** to sit for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to deny the application of **Kimbra Gill, Ph.D./HSP** as her doctoral program is not ASPPB or APA listed. The motion carried.

Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to approve **Bradley Mossbarger, Ph.D./HSP** to sit for the oral examination upon receipt of a letter of recommendation endorsing Dr. Mossbarger with HSP designation. The motion carried.

Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to approve **Susan Kent-Arce, Ph.D./HSP** to sit for the oral examination upon receipt of a letter of recommendation endorsing Dr. Kent-Arce with HSP designation. The motion carried.

Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to approve **Steven Wyatt, Ph.D./HSP** to sit for the oral examination upon receipt of letters of recommendation endorsing Dr. Wyatt with HSP designation. The motion carried.

Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Willette, to approve **Chad Buck, Ph.D./HSP** to sit for the EPPP examination and issue a provisional license upon receipt of a letter of recommendation endorsing Dr. Buck with HSP designation and a transcript indicating he received a doctorate degree. The motion carried.

Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to approve **Phillip Bendall, P.E.** to be upgraded to the Senior Psychological Examiner status. The motion carried.

Dr. Lavin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to approve **Christine Marston** for licensure as a Certified Psychological Assistant. The motion carried.

Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve **Jon Ebert, Ph.D./HSP** to sit for the oral examination and be issued a temporary license upon receipt of a letter of recommendation endorsing Dr. Ebert with HSP designation and EPPP score. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to approve **LaShonda Hughes, Ph.D./HSP** to sit for the EPPP examination and be issued a provisional license to obtain the 1900 hours of postdoctoral supervised experience. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve **Michael Breus, Ph.D./HSP** to sit for the oral examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to approve **Bill Davis, Psy.D./HSP** to sit for the EPPP examination. The motion carried.

Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Kores, to approve **Edward Stepanski, Ph.D./HSP** to sit for the oral examination pending receipt of letters of recommendation endorsing Dr. Stepanski with HSP designation. The motion carried.

Dr. Strickler made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to deny the application of **Brian Wind, Ph.D./HSP** due to Dr. Wind not evidencing he completed a one (1) thousand nine hundred (1,900) hour internship that was approved by APA or APPIC listed, nor the was the training conducted by Dr. Murphy Thomas equivalent to an APA or APPIC listed internship and did not meet the requirements specified in Tennessee Compilation of Rules and Regulations 1180-2-



.02(a)(1) and (2). Dr. Wind's application was also lacking a qualifying letter of recommendation endorsing Dr. Wind with HSP designation. The motion carried.

### **Contested case hearings**

Shiva Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, addressed the board regarding the following cases:

Mr. Bozarth said the case against David Michael McElroy has become an agreed order. Mr. Bozarth reviewed the conditions of the Agreed Order with the board which suspends Dr. McElroy's license to practice as a Psychologist/HSP for a period of at least two years, comply with the conditions of the order and pay costs. Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Mr. Caye, to accept the Agreed Order as written. The motion carried.

Mr. Bozarth said the case against Deborah Adams has been continued.

Mr. Bozarth said the case against Janice Neece has become a letter of reprimand for working at Cherokee Health System without a license. Upon review, Dr. Kores made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strickler to accept the Letter of Reprimand as written. The motion carried.

Mr. Bozarth said the case against Ellen Willson has become a default order as Dr. Willson did not respond to the Notice of Charges and asked the board if they wanted to proceed. Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lavin, to proceed with the default order. Upon review, Dr. Martin made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gilleylen, to accept the default order which requires Dr. Willson to pay a \$10,500 civil penalty for practicing psychology without a license. The motion carried.

### **Contested case hearing for Troy Cole, Ph.D./HSP**

The board was presented a case hearing by Mr. Shiva Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, for Troy Cole, Ph.D. Dan Warlick, Esq. represented Dr. Cole. Administrative Law Judge, Steve Darnell, presided over the case hearing.

Upon conclusion of the testimony from witnesses and Dr. Cole, Dr. Gilleylen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Willette, to dismiss the case. The motion carried.

### **Licensure denial appeal from Christina Birdwell**

The board was presented a licensure denial appeal by Mr. Shiva Bozarth, Assistant General Counsel, for Christina Birdwell, Psychologist/HSP applicant. John D. Kitch, Esq. represented Dr. Birdwell.

Upon conclusion of the testimony from Dr. Birdwell and appeal by her attorney, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to allow Dr. Birdwell to sit for the oral examination for licensure as a Psychologist/HSP in Tennessee. The motion carried.

With no other board business to conduct, Mr. Caye made a motion, seconded by Dr. Martin, to adjourn at 12:10 on January 20, 2006. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Tennessee Board of Examiners in Psychology on April 19, 2006